



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. **VARD-07989**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sherry Leonard *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/723,940  
Filed: 11/26/2003  
Entitled: Promoter Variants of the Alpha-7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor

Group No.: 1649  
Examiner: Standley, S.H.

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 6, 2006

**MS Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of June 6, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached, thereby extending the period for reply to December 6, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks and arguments contained herein.